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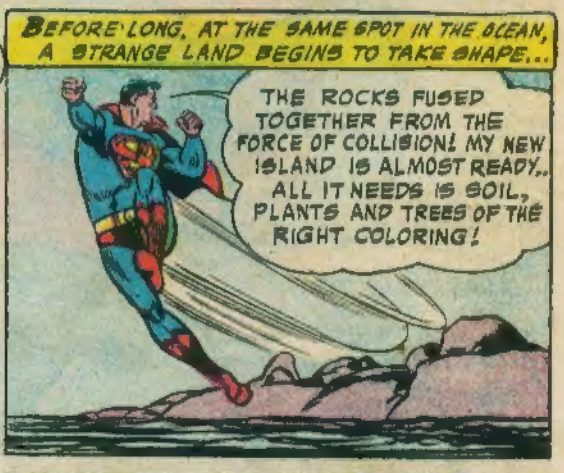
A THRILLING SIGHT GREETS A BOATLOAD OF WORLD TRAVELERS, ONE MORNING, AS THEY STEAM TOWARD METROPOLIS...
LOOK! THERE'S SUPERMAN!
HE'S CARRYING A SMALL MOUNTAIN! WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'S GOING WITH IT?

THAT QUESTION IS SOON ANSWERED, AS...
HE THREW IT DOWN INTO THE SEA!
I'LL NEED MORE--MUCH MORE! HAVE TO HURRY!

SHORTLY, AT A DISTANT MOUNTAINOUS SHORE...
CLEARING THESE MOUNTAINS AWAY, PIECE BY PIECE, WILL MAKE THIS PIECE OF COAST HABITABLE--AND THE ROCK WILL HELP ME!


BEFORE LONG, AT THE SAME SPOT IN THE OCEAN, A STRANGE LAND BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE...
THE ROCKS FUSED TOGETHER FROM THE FORCE OF COLLISION! MY NEW ISLAND IS ALMOST READY.. ALL IT NEEDS IS SOIL, PLANTS AND TREES OF THE RIGHT COLORING!

FROM FAR LANDS COMES SUPER-LANDSCAPING...

...TO COMPLETE AN INCREDIBLE NEW LANDMARK...
LOOK! THAT ISLAND... IT'S SHAPED JUST LIKE SUPERMAN!
MANY PEOPLE WILL WONDER ABOUT THIS PLACE... BUT ITS SECRET MUST NEVER BE KNOWN...
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WHEN THE NEWS REACHES THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY PLANET...
CLARK'S OUT ON ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT, CHIEF... I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE MYSELF!
THIS SUPERMAN ISLAND... WHAT A STORY! LOIS, YOU AND CLARK GET OUT THERE FAST!
LITTLE DOES REPORTER LOIS LANE REALIZE THAT CLARK KENT, HER FELLOW NEWS-HAWK, IS SECRETLY SUPERMAN...
-TEE-HEE... WILL CLARK BE SORRY! HE MISSED THIS!
FIND OUT WHY SUPERMAN BUILT THIS SUPER-ISLAND... THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE WANTS TO KNOW!
OUT FROM METROPOLIS STREAM EAGER REPORTERS AND CURIOSITY SEEKERS...
HURRY! WE MUST LAND BEFORE ANY OTHER REPORTER DOES!
WE'LL BE FIRST, MISS LANE! AS FOR THOSE BOATS, THE CLIFFS ARE SO SHEER, THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY DOCK THERE!
SUDDENLY...
WHY, WE CAN'T LAND EITHER! THERE ARE STRANGE WINDS FROM BELOW, ALL OVER THE ISLAND!
THE BLOWERS I SET UP CREATE JUST ENOUGH AIR CURRENT TO PREVENT PLANES FROM COMING DOWN, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO HARM THEM. NOW FOR A WARNING...
LISTEN, ALL OF YOU! I CANNOT PERMIT ANYONE TO VISIT MY ISLAND! THAT'S WHY I BUILT IT IN MY SHAPE—SO THAT NOBODY WILL EVER TRY LANDING ON IT BY MISTAKE!
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AS THE PUZZLED REPORTERS RETURN...
SUPERMAN MUST HAVE SOME TREMENDOUS THING HIDDEN ON HIS ISLAND, TO TAKE SUCH PRECAUTIONS! BUT WHAT? I'M GOING TO FIND OUT!
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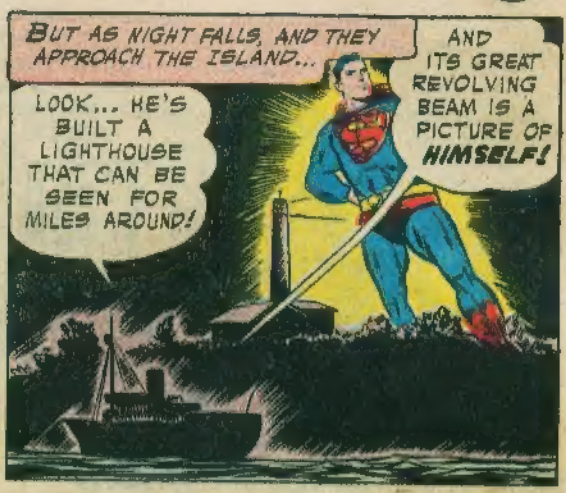
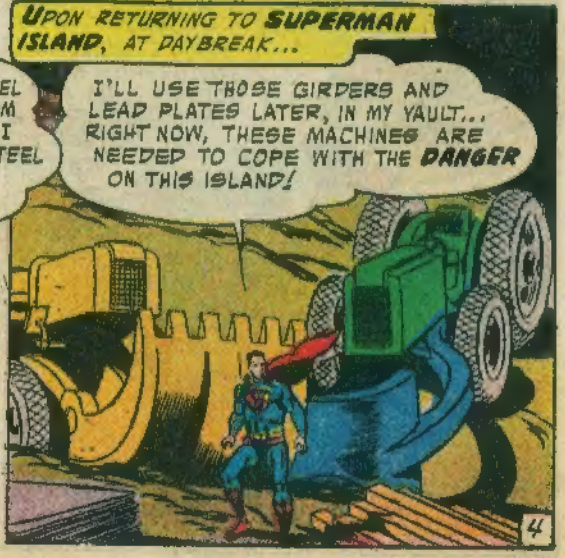
MEANWHILE, A COAST GUARD CUTTER HEADS OUT TO INVESTIGATE SUPERMAN ISLAND FOR A DIFFERENT REASON...
A NEW ISLAND COULD BE A DANGER TO PASSING SHIPS!
RIGHT... WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE IT ISN'T!


BUT AS NIGHT FALLS, AND THEY APPROACH THE ISLAND...
LOOK... HE'S BUILT A LIGHTHOUSE THAT CAN BE SEEN FOR MILES AROUND!
AND ITS GREAT REVOLVING BEAM IS A PICTURE OF HIMSELF!

THE MAN OF STEEL DEMONSTRATES OTHER SAFETY DEVICES, TOO...
BESIDES MY LIGHTHOUSE, I'VE INSTALLED A FOG WARNING... A RECORDING OF MY SUPER-VOICE TO BE TURNED ON IN CASE OF FOG!
YOU'VE THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING, SUPERMAN... THIS ISLAND IS NO DANGER TO NAVIGATION!
KEEP OFF SUPERMAN ISLAND

THERE'S ANOTHER SAFETY PRECAUTION, WHICH I COULDN'T TELL ABOUT! NOW, I'VE GOT TO GET BUSY-- FAST...

IN THE CRATER OF A DISTANT VOLCANO, SUPERMAN SETS UP A SUPER-FOUNDRY..
I CAN SMELT STEEL FAST HERE, FROM THE IRON ORE I BROUGHT... AND STEEL IS ONE THING I NEED PLENTY OF!


UPON RETURNING TO SUPERMAN ISLAND, AT DAYBREAK...
I'LL USE THOSE GIRDERS AND LEAD PLATES LATER, IN MY VAULT... RIGHT NOW, THESE MACHINES ARE NEEDED TO COPE WITH THE DANGER ON THIS ISLAND!

NEXT FOLLOWS A MYSTERIOUS WORLD-WIDE SEARCH...
THIS ANTARCTIC GLACIER... I CAN SEE, WITH MY X-RAY VISION, WHAT'S IMBEDDED IN ITS ICE!
BY HOLDING IT THIS WAY, I CAN HANDLE IT ALL RIGHT... BUT I'D BETTER GET IT TO SUPERMAN ISLAND FAST!
AROUND THE WORLD HE RANGES, ON HIS CRYPTIC QUEST...
I'LL JUST BREAK OFF THIS WHOLE MOUNTAIN PINNACLE... I CAN REPLACE IT HERE LATER!
CRACK!
EVEN IN THE ABYSMAL OCEAN DEPTHS, THE SUPER-SEARCH GOES ON...
DON'T BOTHER ME, WHALE--I'M LOOKING FOR SOMETHING! AH, THERE IT IS...
IN THE MEANTIME, A DETERMINED LOIS PRESENTS HER BOSS WITH A NEW STRATEGY...
IF ONLY WE COULD GET NEAR ENOUGH TO SUPERMAN ISLAND TO LEARN ITS SECRET!
PERRY, I'VE BEEN THINKING... MAYBE BY CHECKING SUPERMAN'S RECENT PAST, I CAN FIND A CLUE TO THIS ISLAND MYSTERY!
AND AS SHE PORES OVER BACK COPIES OF THE DAILY PLANET...
THESE BIG EXPLOITS OF SUPERMAN DON'T SEEM TO... WAIT-- WHAT'S THIS? "SUPERMAN VISITS PROFESSOR VANLEY OF METROPOLIS UNIVERSITY"! HMM-- IT DOESN'T SAY WHY HE VISITED THAT SCIENTIST!
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THE WORLD
FAR EAST
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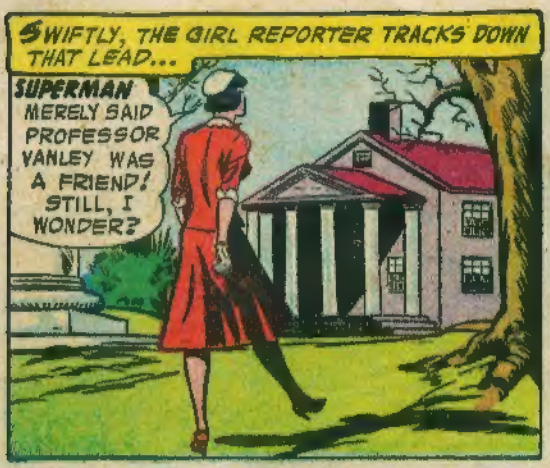

SWIFTLY, THE GIRL REPORTER TRACKS DOWN THAT LEAD...
SUPERMAN MERELY SAID PROFESSOR VANLEY WAS A FRIEND! STILL, I WONDER?

IN THE PROFESSOR'S LABORATORY...
DR. VANLEY, I WANT YOUR OPINION ON THE SUPERMAN ISLAND MYSTERY!
I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO TALK ABOUT IT, MISS LANE, THOUGH I AM TERRIBLY WORRIED ABOUT WHAT SUPERMAN'S DOING THERE.
WHIR-R-R-R

THEN YOU KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING! WHY ARE YOU SO WORRIED? IS IT SOMETHING TERRIBLY DANGEROUS?
REALLY, MISS LANE, I... LOOK OUT! MY NEW EXPERIMENTAL POWER-GENERATOR IS BURSTING!
SCR-E-E-E

KEEP DOWN BEHIND ME... OHH!
PROFESSOR!
HE'S BEEN HURT! MUST GET A DOCTOR!

MINUTES AFTERWARD...
I'M GLAD IT'S NO WORSE!
IT'S JUST A MINOR CONCUSSION...HE'LL BE UNCONSCIOUS FOR SOME TIME, THOUGH!
BUT NOW I CAN'T LEARN ANY MORE FROM HIM!

HE KNEW WHAT SUPERMAN'S DOING ON THAT ISLAND--AND HE WAS TERRIBLY WORRIED! IT MUST INVOLVE SOME FRIGHTFUL RISK TO THE WORLD--AND I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT!

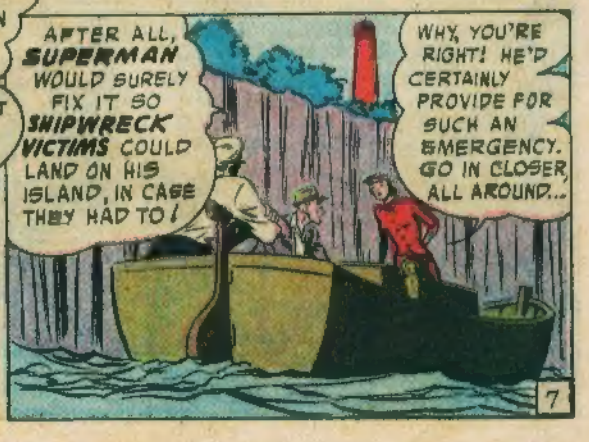
PRESENTLY, AT THE METROPOLIS WATERFRONT...
YOU WANT ME TO TAKE YOU OUT TO SUPERMAN ISLAND? NO, MA'AM! SUPERMAN FORBIDS ANYONE LANDING THERE!
THAT'S WHAT EVERY BOATMAN HAS TOLD ME! NOT ONE WILL GO!

BUT FINALLY...
SURE, MISS-- WE'LL TAKE YOU TO SUPERMAN ISLAND FOR $100!
WONDERFUL! WE'LL LEAVE AS SOON AS I'VE CALLED MY OFFICE!
OPE

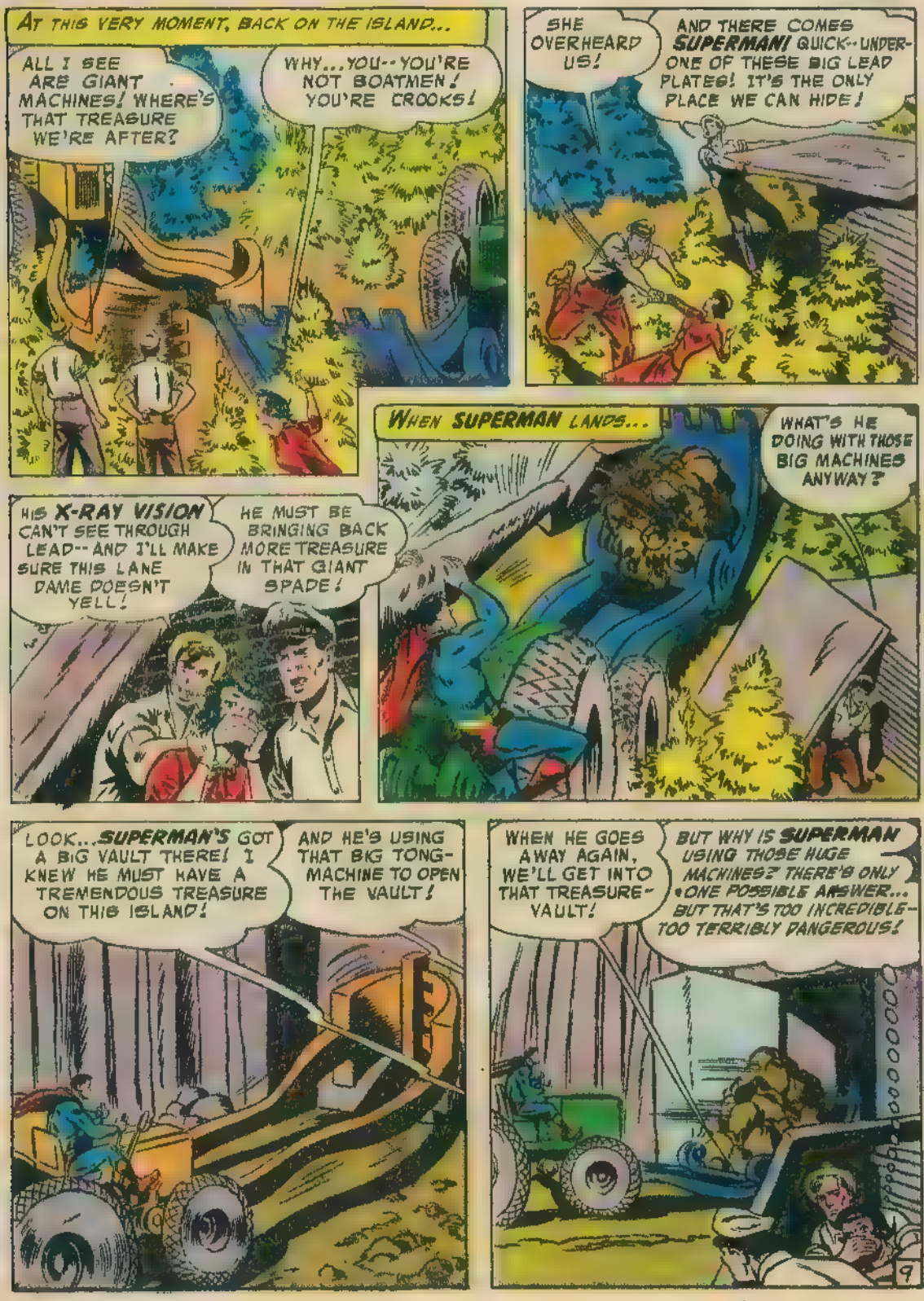
WHEN THE TWO "SAILORS" ARE ALONE, HOWEVER...
BUT WHY TAKE HER WITH US, LARCH? SUPERMAN MUST BE GUARDING SOME TERRIFIC TREASURE ON THAT ISLAND... I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING AFTER IT OURSELVES!
WE ARE, BLISHER-- BUT THAT GIRL IS LOIS LANE, A FRIEND OF SUPERMAN! SHE COULD COME IN HANDY, IF HE GAVE US ANY TROUBLE!

THUS, AWHILE LATER...
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'S BEEN HOARDING THERE-- GOLD?... DIAMONDS?
WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH... BUT WE'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL!

OH, DEAR... WHAT'LL WE DO NOW? SUPERMAN MADE THOSE CLIFFS SO STEEP, NO BOAT CAN POSSIBLY LAND THERE!
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY...


AFTER ALL, SUPERMAN WOULD SURELY FIX IT SO SHIPWRECK VICTIMS COULD LAND ON HIS ISLAND, IN CASE THEY HAD TO!
WHY, YOU'RE RIGHT! HE'D CERTAINLY PROVIDE FOR SUCH AN EMERGENCY. GO IN CLOSER, ALL AROUND...

SURE ENOUGH, BARELY VISIBLE AMONG THE SHEER CLIFFS...
THERE IS A WAY TO LAND, IN CASES OF NECESSITY!
PSST... PULL OUT THE WIRES AND KILL THE MOTOR! THAT WAY, SHE-- AND SUPERMAN-- WILL THINK IT'S LEGITIMATE!
SOON...
I'M GLAD YOUR MOTOR BROKE DOWN... IT GIVES US A PERFECT EXCUSE TO LAND HERE!
ER...THAT'S RIGHT, MISS LANE! AFTER ALL, WE GOTTA MAKE REPAIRS!
AWESTRUCK, LOIS SOON COMES UPON...
TREMENDOUS MACHINES! THEY MUST HAVE SOME GREAT PURPOSE... BUT WHAT?
AND WHILE YOU'RE WORKING ON THE MOTOR, I CAN SEE WHAT SUPERMAN'S DOING HERE!
AS SOON AS SHE'S OUT OF SIGHT, WE'LL FIND WHAT TREASURE SUPERMAN'S GUARDING SO CAREFULLY ON THIS ISLAND!
MEANWHILE, HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY, WHERE THE MAN OF STEEL CONTINUES HIS STRANGE SEARCH...
THIS BIG SPADE I CHISELLED FROM SOLID ROCK WILL DIG OUT WHAT I'M AFTER! AH--THERE IT IS! I CAN TELL WITH MY X-RAY VISION!
I'M TAKING TERRIFIC RISKS... IT COULD BE DISASTROUS IF ANYONE GETS ONTO MY ISLAND! BUT I'VE GOT TO CARRY THIS THROUGH!


AT THIS VERY MOMENT, BACK ON THE ISLAND...
ALL I SEE ARE GIANT MACHINES! WHERE'S THAT TREASURE WE'RE AFTER?
WHY...YOU--YOU'RE NOT BOATMEN! YOU'RE CROOKS!
SHE OVERHEARD US!
AND THERE COMES SUPERMAN! QUICK--UNDER ONE OF THESE BIG LEAD PLATES! IT'S THE ONLY PLACE WE CAN HIDE!
WHEN SUPERMAN LANDS...
WHAT'S HE DOING WITH THOSE BIG MACHINES ANYWAY?
HIS X-RAY VISION CAN'T SEE THROUGH LEAD--AND I'LL MAKE SURE THIS LANE DAME DOESN'T YELL!
HE MUST BE BRINGING BACK MORE TREASURE IN THAT GIANT SPADE!
LOOK...SUPERMAN'S GOT A BIG VAULT THERE! I KNEW HE MUST HAVE A TREMENDOUS TREASURE ON THIS ISLAND!
AND HE'S USING THAT BIG TONG-MACHINE TO OPEN THE VAULT!
WHEN HE GOES AWAY AGAIN, WE'LL GET INTO THAT TREASURE-VAULT!
BUT WHY IS SUPERMAN USING THOSE HUGE MACHINES? THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER... BUT THAT'S TOO INCREDIBLE-TOO TERRIBLY DANGEROUS!
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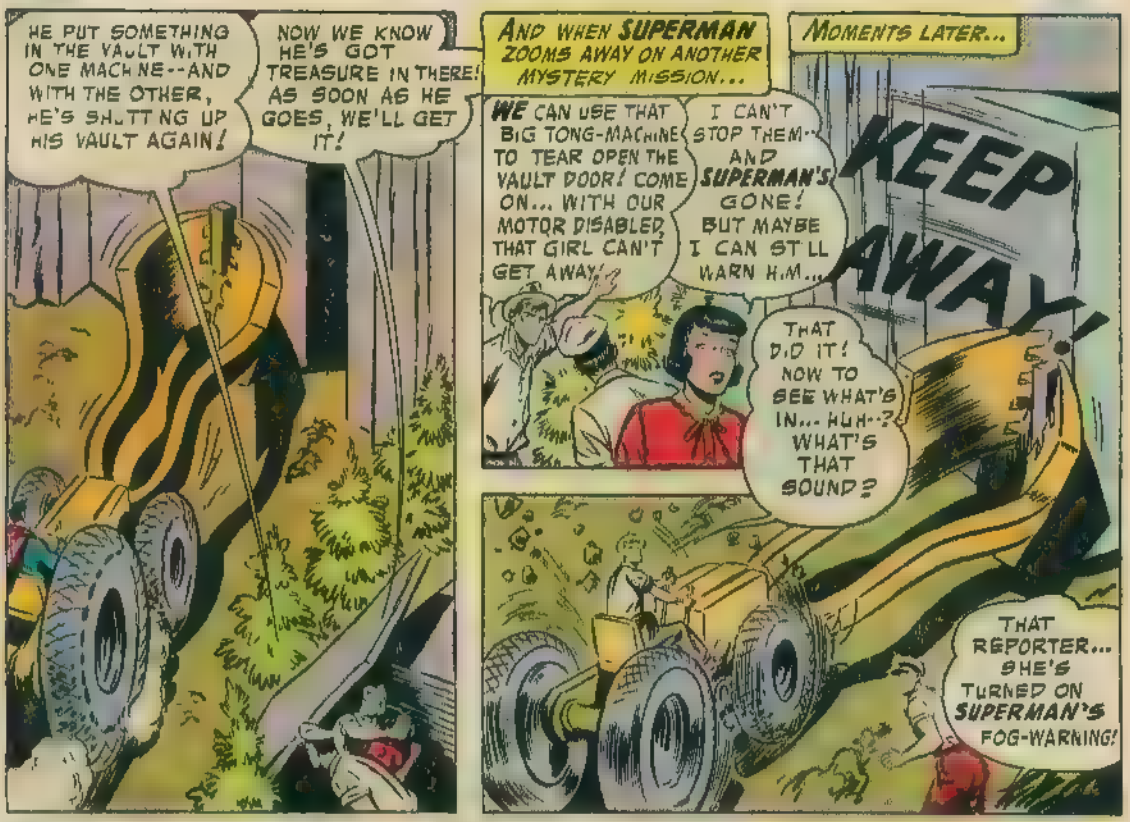
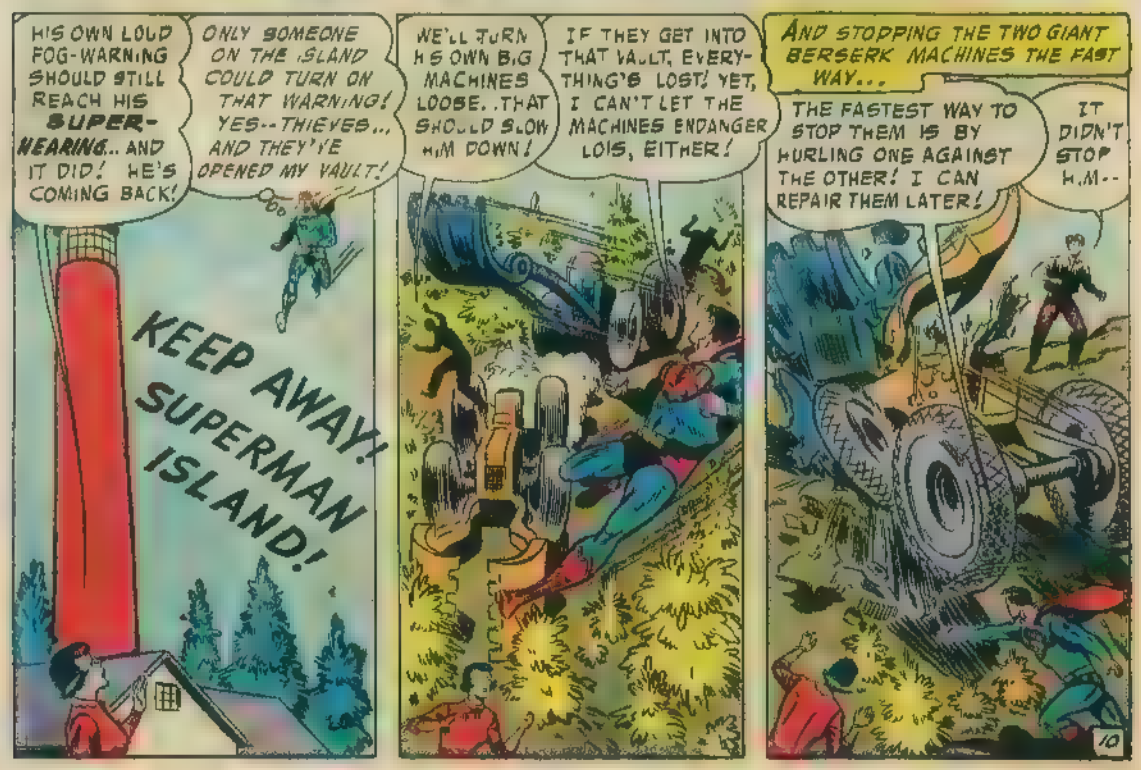
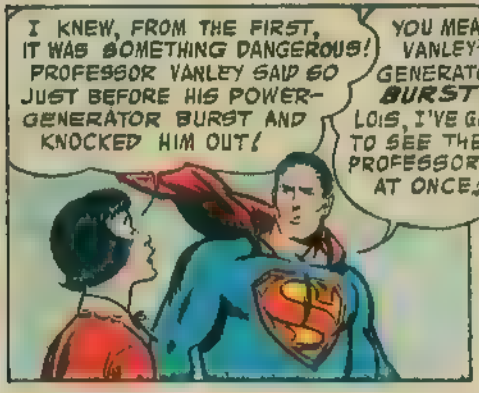
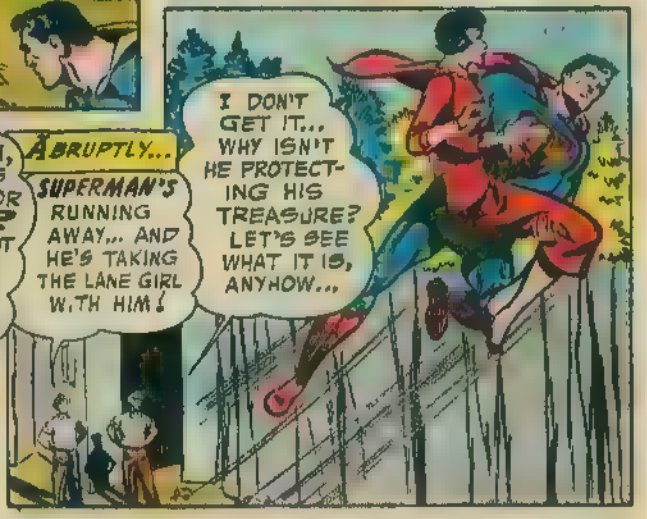

HE PUT SOMETHING IN THE VAULT WITH ONE MACHINE--AND WITH THE OTHER, HE'S SHUTTING UP HIS VAULT AGAIN!
NOW WE KNOW HE'S GOT TREASURE IN THERE! AS SOON AS HE GOES, WE'LL GET IT!
AND WHEN SUPERMAN ZOOMS AWAY ON ANOTHER MYSTERY MISSION...
WE CAN USE THAT BIG TONG-MACHINE TO TEAR OPEN THE VAULT DOOR! COME ON... WITH OUR MOTOR DISABLED, THAT GIRL CAN'T GET AWAY!
I CAN'T STOP THEM-- AND SUPERMAN'S GONE! BUT MAYBE I CAN STILL WARN HIM...
MOMENTS LATER...
KEEP AWAY!
THAT DID IT! NOW TO SEE WHAT'S IN... HUH--? WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
THAT REPORTER... SHE'S TURNED ON SUPERMAN'S FOG-WARNING!

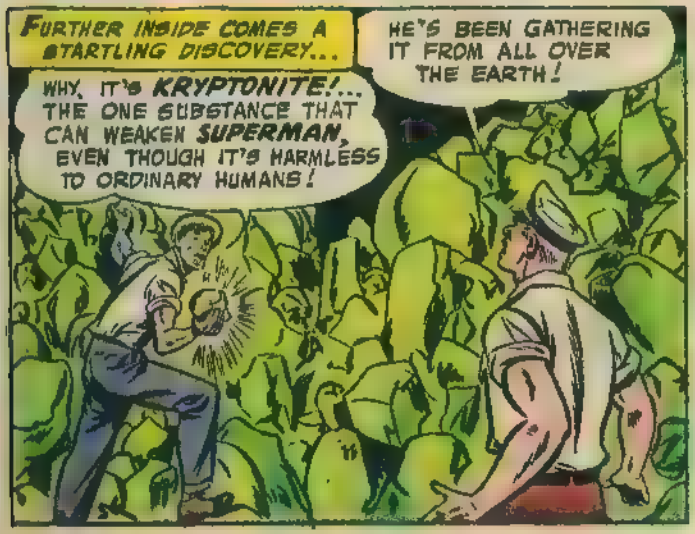

HIS OWN LOUD FOG-WARNING SHOULD STILL REACH HIS SUPER-HEARING... AND IT DID! HE'S COMING BACK!
ONLY SOMEONE ON THE ISLAND COULD TURN ON THAT WARNING! YES--THIEVES... AND THEY'VE OPENED MY VAULT!
KEEP AWAY! SUPERMAN ISLAND!
WE'LL TURN HIS OWN BIG MACHINES LOOSE. .THAT SHOULD SLOW HIM DOWN!
IF THEY GET INTO THAT VAULT, EVERYTHING'S LOST! YET, I CAN'T LET THE MACHINES ENDANGER LOIS, EITHER!
AND STOPPING THE TWO GIANT BERSERK MACHINES THE FAST WAY...
THE FASTEST WAY TO STOP THEM IS BY HURLING ONE AGAINST THE OTHER! I CAN REPAIR THEM LATER!
IT DIDN'T STOP HIM--

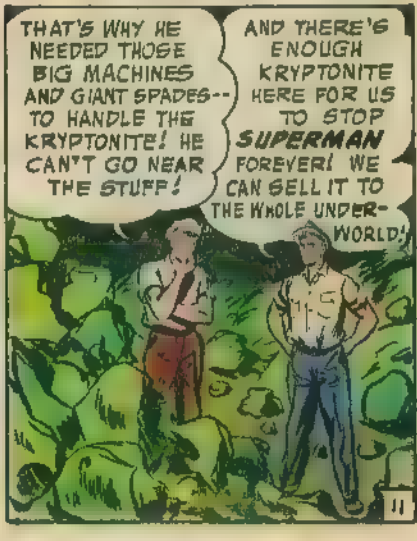
HURRY--INTO THE VAULT! MAYBE THERE'S SOME PLACE IN IT TO HIDE!
WHAT'S THE USE? SUPERMAN WILL JUST FOLLOW US IN AND GRAB US!

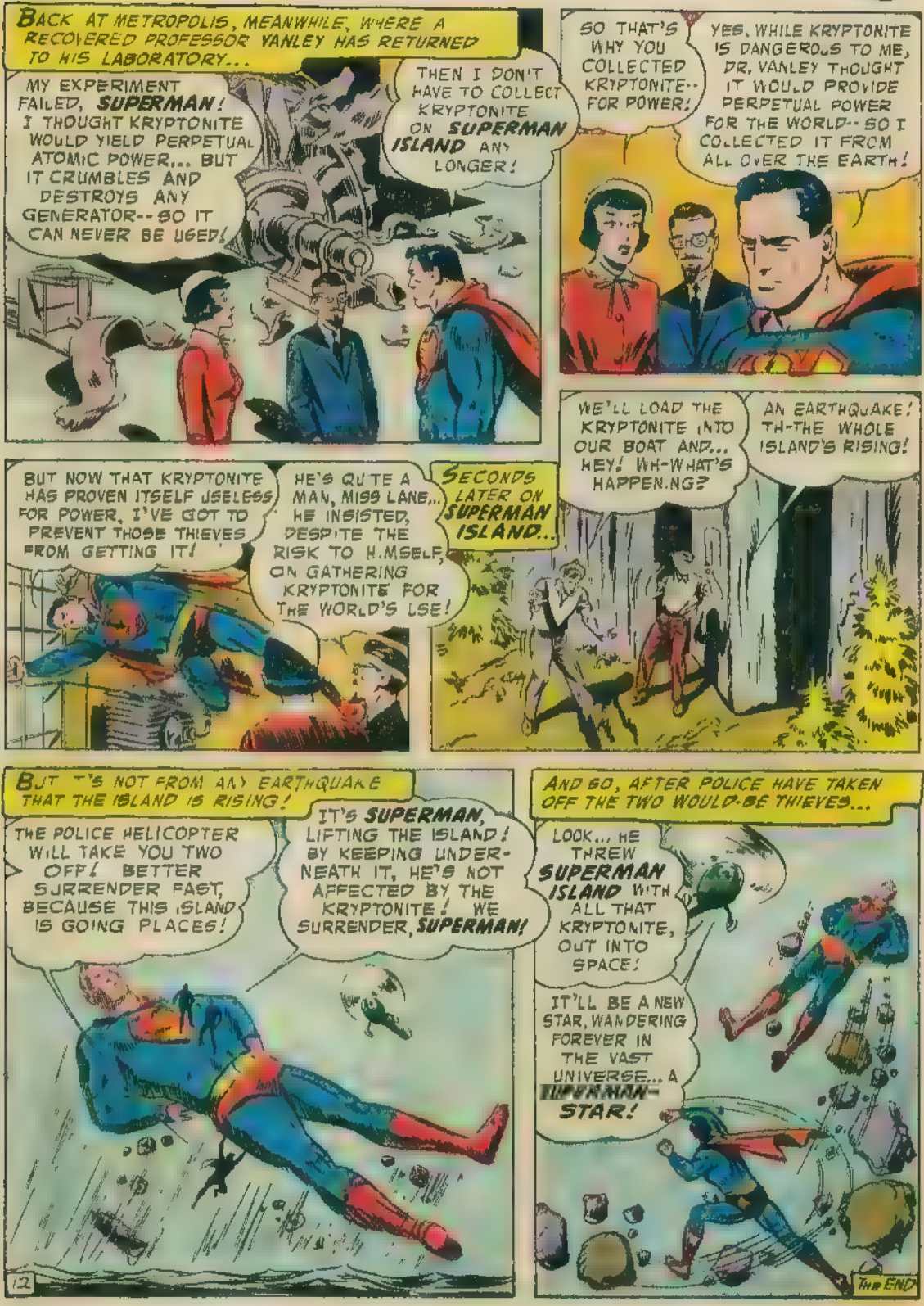
BUT, AMAZINGLY...
I CAN'T FOLLOW THEM IN THERE!... THIS WILL RUIN EVERYTHING!
SUPERMAN, YOU'RE AFRAID TO GO IN THERE!...THEN THE TERRIBLE THING I GUESSED IS TRUE...


I KNEW, FROM THE FIRST, IT WAS SOMETHING DANGEROUS! PROFESSOR VANLEY SAID SO JUST BEFORE HIS POWER-GENERATOR BURST AND KNOCKED HIM OUT!
YOU MEAN, VANLEY'S GENERATOR BURST? LOIS, I'VE GOT TO SEE THE PROFESSOR AT ONCE!


ABRUPTLY...
SUPERMAN'S RUNNING AWAY... AND HE'S TAKING THE LANE GIRL WITH HIM!
I DON'T GET IT... WHY ISN'T HE PROTECTING HIS TREASURE? LET'S SEE WHAT IT IS, ANYHOW...


FURTHER INSIDE COMES A STARTLING DISCOVERY...
WHY, IT'S KRYPTONITE!... THE ONE SUBSTANCE THAT CAN WEAKEN SUPERMAN, EVEN THOUGH IT'S HARMLESS TO ORDINARY HUMANS!
HE'S BEEN GATHERING IT FROM ALL OVER THE EARTH!


THAT'S WHY HE NEEDED THOSE BIG MACHINES AND GIANT SPADES--TO HANDLE THE KRYPTONITE! HE CAN'T GO NEAR THE STUFF!
AND THERE'S ENOUGH KRYPTONITE HERE FOR US TO STOP SUPERMAN FOREVER! WE CAN SELL IT TO THE WHOLE UNDERWORLD!


BACK AT METROPOLIS, MEANWHILE, WHERE A RECOVERED PROFESSOR YANLEY HAS RETURNED TO HIS LABORATORY...
MY EXPERIMENT FAILED, SUPERMAN! I THOUGHT KRYPTONITE WOULD YIELD PERPETUAL ATOMIC POWER... BUT IT CRUMBLES AND DESTROYS ANY GENERATOR--SO IT CAN NEVER BE USED!
THEN I DON'T HAVE TO COLLECT KRYPTONITE ON SUPERMAN ISLAND ANY LONGER!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU COLLECTED KRYPTONITE--FOR POWER!
YES, WHILE KRYPTONITE IS DANGEROUS TO ME, DR. YANLEY THOUGHT IT WOULD PROVIDE PERPETUAL POWER FOR THE WORLD--SO I COLLECTED IT FROM ALL OVER THE EARTH!
BUT NOW THAT KRYPTONITE HAS PROVEN ITSELF USELESS FOR POWER, I'VE GOT TO PREVENT THOSE THIEVES FROM GETTING IT!
HE'S QUITE A MAN, MISS LANE... HE INSISTED, DESPITE THE RISK TO HIMSELF, ON GATHERING KRYPTONITE FOR THE WORLD'S USE!
SECONDS LATER ON SUPERMAN ISLAND...
WE'LL LOAD THE KRYPTONITE INTO OUR BOAT AND... HEY! WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
AN EARTHQUAKE! TH-THE WHOLE ISLAND'S RISING!
BUT IT'S NOT FROM ANY EARTHQUAKE THAT THE ISLAND IS RISING!
THE POLICE HELICOPTER WILL TAKE YOU TWO OFF! BETTER SURRENDER FAST, BECAUSE THIS ISLAND IS GOING PLACES!
IT'S SUPERMAN, LIFTING THE ISLAND! BY KEEPING UNDERNEATH IT, HE'S NOT AFFECTED BY THE KRYPTONITE! WE SURRENDER, SUPERMAN!
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AND SO, AFTER POLICE HAVE TAKEN OFF THE TWO WOULD-BE THIEVES...
LOOK... HE THREW SUPERMAN ISLAND WITH ALL THAT KRYPTONITE, OUT INTO SPACE!
IT'LL BE A NEW STAR, WANDERING FOREVER IN THE VAST UNIVERSE... A SUPERMAN-STAR!
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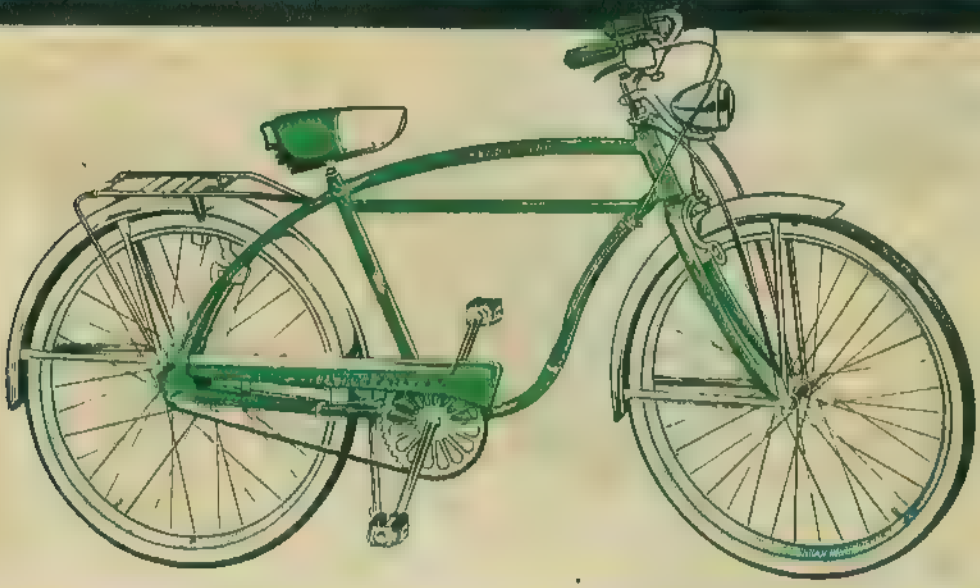

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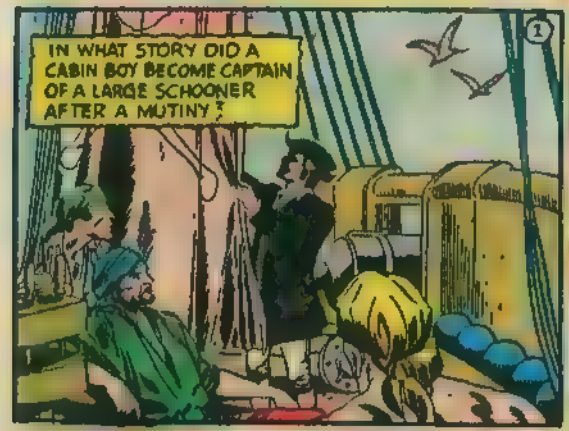

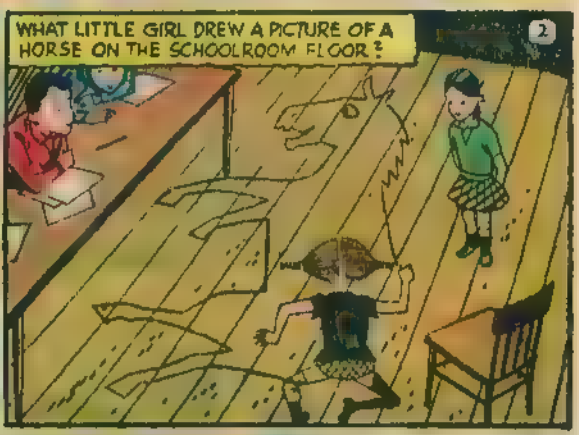

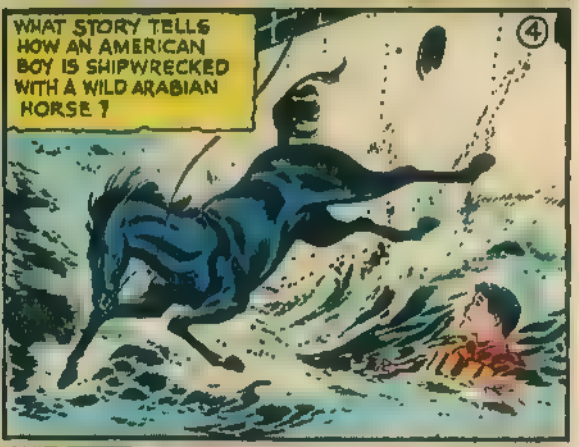

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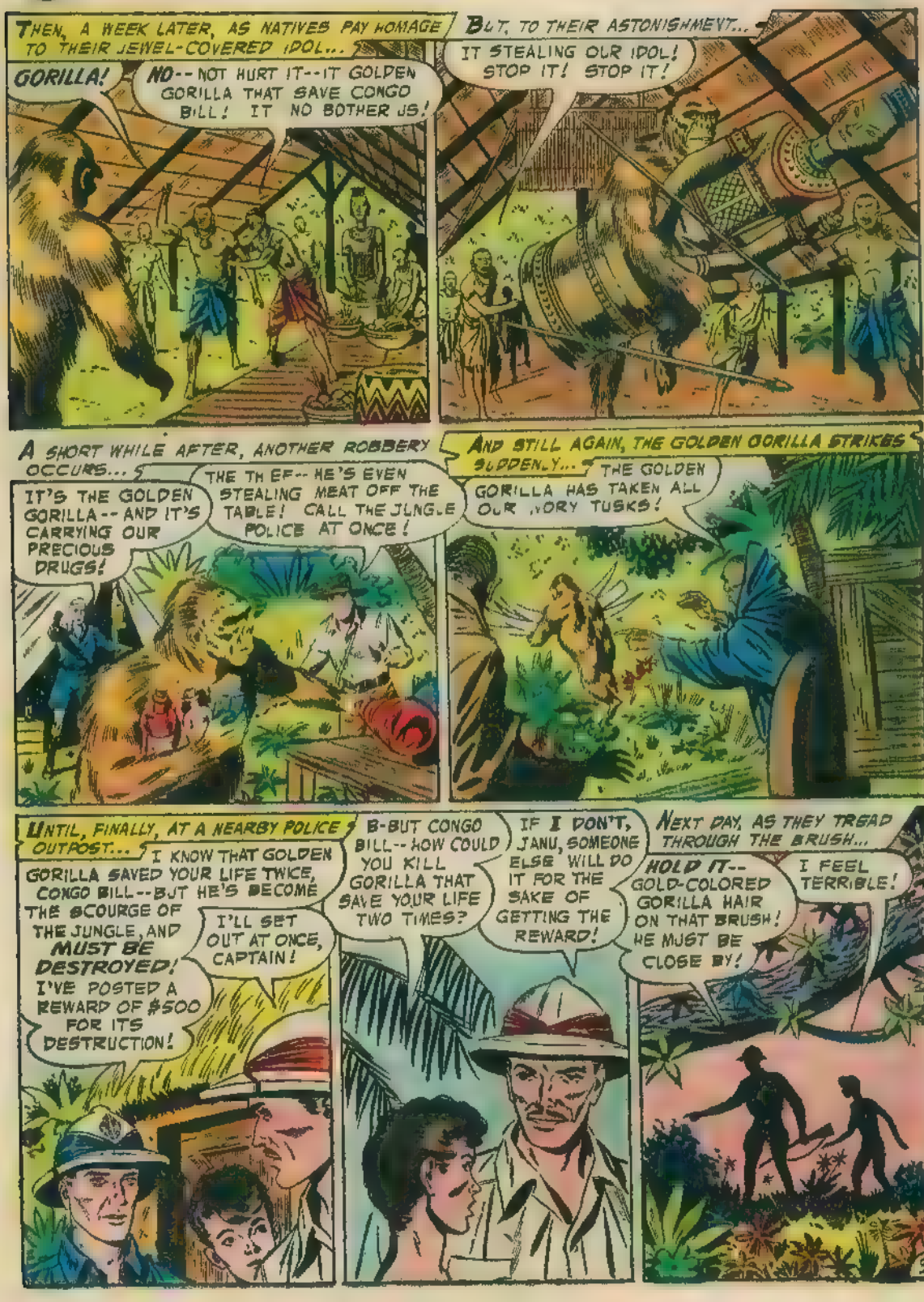
CONGO BILL with JANU The Jungle Boy

TWICE, THE GORILLA HAD SAVED HIS LIFE. BUT DO YOU THINK THAT CONGO BILL WAS GRATEFUL? NO! INSTEAD, HE STALKED HIM UNTIL HE HUNTED HIM DOWN -- BECAUSE HE HAD TO DESTROY THE BEAST. WHY? YOU'LL LEARN THE STARTLING ANSWER WHEN YOU READ:

THE GOLDEN GORILLA

IN DARKEST AFRICA, AS CONGO BILL, JUNGLE ADVENTURER, PLODS THROUGH UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY...

DEEPER, DEEPER, HE SINKS WHEN, SUDDENLY...
WHAT'S THAT? A GORILLA--A GOLDEN GORILLA--COMING AFTER ME! NOW I CAN DIE ONE OF TWO WAYS--IN THIS QUICKSAND--OR AT THE HANDS OF THAT BIG APE!
BUT, TO HIS AMAZEMENT,
H-HE'S PULLING ME OUT TO SAFETY!
THANKS, PAL! YOU'RE WHAT I CALL A FRIEND IN NEED!
THEN, SOME DAYS LATER, ON THE PLAINS, CONGO BILL FACES A NEW MENACE...
GREAT SCOTT--A CAPE BUFFALO STAMPEDE! AND NO PLACE TO HIDE FROM IT!
AND ONCE AGAIN, THE GOLDEN GORILLA COMES TO HIS RESCUE..
HELLO AGAIN! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE--WELL, THANKS AGAIN, PAL!
SOME DAYS LATER, HE REACHES A JUNGLE OUTPOST WHERE HE HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH JANU THE JUNGLE BOY...
HOW NEWSPAPER FIND OUT ABOUT THE GOLDEN GORILLA SAVING YOUR LIFE, CONGO BILL?
I REPORTED IT TO WARN HUNTERS THAT IT WAS FRIENDLY AND NOT TO HARM IT!
JUNGLE NEWS
GORILLA SAVES LIFE OF CONGO BILL


THEN, A WEEK LATER, AS NATIVES PAY HOMAGE TO THEIR JEWEL-COVERED IDOL...
GORILLA!
NO--NOT HURT IT--IT GOLDEN GORILLA THAT SAVE CONGO BILL! IT NO BOTHER US!
BUT, TO THEIR ASTONISHMENT...
IT STEALING OUR IDOL! STOP IT! STOP IT!
A SHORT WHILE AFTER, ANOTHER ROBBERY OCCURS...
IT'S THE GOLDEN GORILLA--AND IT'S CARRYING OUR PRECIOUS DRUGS!
THE TH EF--HE'S EVEN STEALING MEAT OFF THE TABLE! CALL THE JUNGLE POLICE AT ONCE!
AND STILL AGAIN, THE GOLDEN GORILLA STRIKES SUDDENLY...
THE GOLDEN GORILLA HAS TAKEN ALL OUR IVORY TUSKS!
UNTIL, FINALLY, AT A NEARBY POLICE OUTPOST...
I KNOW THAT GOLDEN GORILLA SAVED YOUR LIFE TWICE, CONGO BILL--BUT HE'S BECOME THE SCOURGE OF THE JUNGLE, AND MUST BE DESTROYED!
I'VE POSTED A REWARD OF $500 FOR ITS DESTRUCTION!
I'LL SET OUT AT ONCE, CAPTAIN!
B-BUT CONGO BILL--HOW COULD YOU KILL GORILLA THAT SAVE YOUR LIFE TWO TIMES?
IF I DON'T, JANU, SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO IT FOR THE SAKE OF GETTING THE REWARD!
NEXT DAY, AS THEY TREAD THROUGH THE BRUSH...
HOLD IT--GOLD-COLORED GORILLA HAIR ON THAT BRUSH! HE MUST BE CLOSE BY!
I FEEL TERRIBLE!
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MOVING FORWARD CAUTIOUSLY, THEY SPY THEIR QUARRY...
THERE IT IS-- THE GOLDEN GORILLA! STAND BACK, JANU!
NO, NO, CONGO B--LI-- YOU MUSTN'T--!
BANG
P-POOR FELLA-- (SOB)--THIS THE THANKS IT GET FOR SAVING YOUR LIFE!
TAKE IT EASY, JANU-- THIS ISN'T THE GORILLA THAT SAVED MY LIFE! IT WAS ONLY PAINTED GOLD! AND I KNEW IT ALL THE TIME!
Y-YOU DO?
YES! BECAUSE THE THIEVING GORILLA ALSO STOLE SOME MEAT FROM THAT JUNGLE LAB! ONLY A TRAINED GORILLA IN CAPTIVITY IS FED MEAT-- BUT JUNGLE GORILLAS FEED ONLY ON PARSELY AND WILD CARROTS!
WHY YOU NOT TELL ME THAT BEFORE?
BECAUSE I WANTED YOU TO LEARN TO USE YOUR OWN POWERS OF OBSERVATION, JANU!
THEN WHO PAINT THIS GOLD COLOR ON THE GORILLA YOU KILLED-- AND WHY?
IN THE FIRST PLACE, I DIDN'T KILL IT--! THE BULLET I FIRED IS A SPECIAL TYPE THAT CAUSES A DEEP SLEEP! ... AND I THINK I KNOW WHERE TO FIND THE PEOPLE WHO PAINTED THIS GORILLA GOLD! COME HERE!

NOTICE THE RED CLAY THAT'S CAKED ON TO THE SOLES ON THE GORILLA?
YES... IT'S THE KIND FOUND IN THE CAVES OF THE ITURBI MOUNTAINS YONDER! LET US GO!
THUS, AFTER A STEEP CLIMB...
UNDERSTAND NOW, JANU? THOSE THIEVES USED A TRAINED GORILLA MADE UP TO RESEMBLE THE ONE THAT SAVED ME, KNOWING FOLKS WOULDN'T HARM IT!
I SEE--BUT THERE TOO MANY CROOKS FOR US TO HANDLE! MAYBE WE BETTER GET SOME HELP!
BUT...
SO YOU FOUND OUT OUR LITTLE SECRET, EH? GET ON YOUR FEET, BOTH OF YOU!
DO AS HE SAYS, JANU!
THEY ARE LED TO THE CAVE, WHERE...
THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE YOU'LL EVER GET TO SNOOP, JUNGLE MAN!
I THINK WE FINISHED FOR SURE THIS TIME, CONGO BILL!
BUT..
WHO KNOCKED THE GUN OUT OF MY HAND?
LOOK, CONGO BILL--IT YOUR GOLDEN GORILLA!
GET THAT APE!
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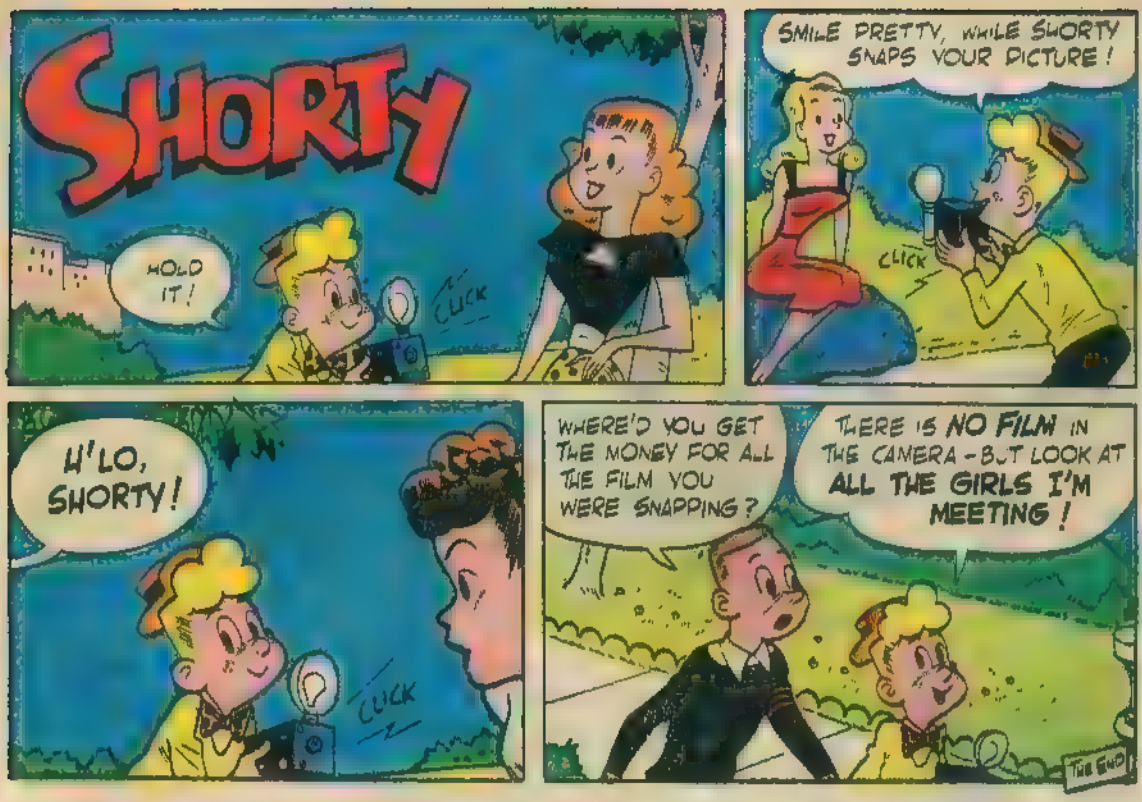

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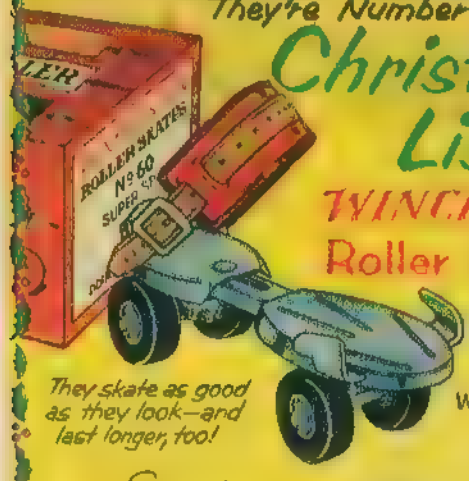

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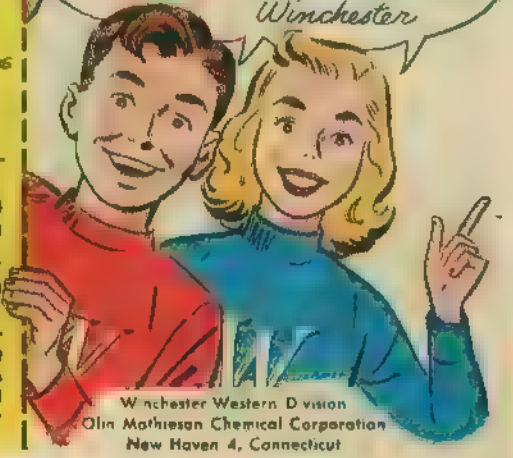

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EVERY MORNING I LEAVE EARLY FOR SCHOOL--
I RUN VERY FAST---
BUT I ALWAYS COME LATE--
BECAUSE OF THIS SIGN!
SCHOOL GO SLOW
END.

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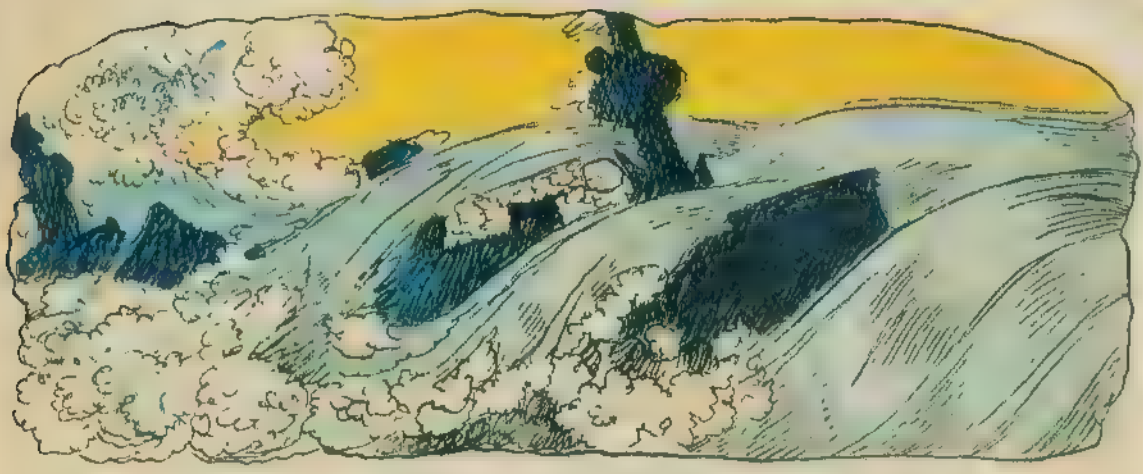


OUR emergency station in Hawaii had been as restful as a public library for weeks. Considering that we were in the middle of the hurricane season, we felt we were pretty lucky.

As we found out soon enough, it was the calm before the storm. The first warning of trouble came in the form of a teletype. It read: "Seaquake on floor of Aleutian Trench, 70 miles southeast of Unimak Island, Alaska."

A seaquake is the same as an earthquake, except that it takes place on the ocean floor. But you're wondering what connection there could be between a seaquake in Alaska, and our station in Hawaii. You'd be surprised.

We knew the deadly tidal waves brought on by the Alaskan undersea quake would take no longer than *five hours* to hit Hawaii!

The entire force of the widespread U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey went into action. The radio network service began plotting the course of the tidal wave as it gathered momentum.

But before I go any further, perhaps I should explain a few more things about tidal waves. Following the jolting of the ocean floor, there appeared instantly on the surface of the ocean a series of waves about 100 miles long. Set in motion and spreading out like ripples in a pool, the waves gained speed as they headed south at a rate of 600 miles an hour.

In the beginning these waves are so small that they pass under ships at sea without being noticed. But by the time they reach the coastline, they can reach a height of anywhere from 50 to 100 feet high!

Try to imagine a solid wall of water 100 feet high coming at you at amazing speed, and you'll get an idea what a destructive force it is.

Airplanes had taken off to help plot the course of the wave set into motion by the Aleutian seaquake. Sometimes, a wave peters out by the time it hits the beaches. We were hoping that's what would happen to this one.

But several hours after the first emergency alert went out, we knew we were in for real trouble. There were too many signs that a giant tidal wave was in the making. A heavy wind began buffeting Hawaii, bending the

palm trees; and gray storm clouds were forming low over the island.

But the one certain sign of an oncoming tidal wave is the slow withdrawal of water from the shoreline. It is almost as if the sea were gathering together all of its forces for a mighty assault.

How does one stop a tidal wave? The answer is the same as for the question, how does one stop a hurricane? There is no way. When daredevils decided to try to stop a gathering hurricane by dropping an atomic bomb into its center, the hurricane spewed the A-bomb out as if it were a cherry pit.

But there were many precautions we could take to lessen the powerful blow of the wild wave.

The first thing we did was to warn the inhabitants near the shoreline. But when a final check was made to make certain that the people had vacated the danger area, a frightening discovery was made. Somehow, those inhabiting one of the bays had failed to receive the warning. With the tidal wave expected momentarily, they could not possibly hope to get out in time.

To make matters worse, the bay faced the direction of the quake, and this meant that it would receive the gigantic waves head-on!

Back in the station, we desperately sought a solution to the threatening disaster. All of us recalled the last tidal wave that had struck with such violent fury some years ago.

The same ominous silence as had fallen over the island now had been followed by sudden darkening, like an eclipse of the sun. And this, in turn, had been followeed by the tremendous roar of the surging, swelling mass of water which in minutes had swept to their doom over 27,000 people!

What to do?

I suddenly remembered our success in lessening the force of smaller tidal waves by building artificial breakwaters. The wave hit the breakwaters with their full fury, and they continued with lesser strength for their secondary attack on the island itself.

I also remembered something else —the rusting old enemy warships that had been awarded to Hawaii after the war.

They were our only chance to save the now-fleeing inhabitants.

Bombs were hurriedly flown to us from inland, and carried aboard our planes. We headed for the danger area.

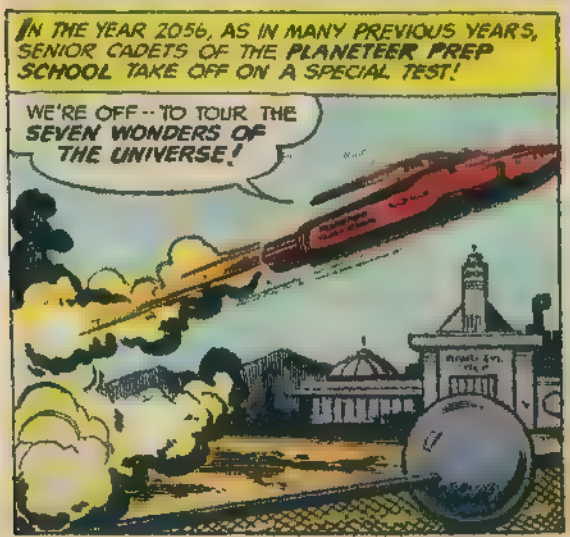
Looking through binoculars, we could see the oncoming wave still miles out but heading toward the bay with deadly speed. In a few minutes, we were over the warships. We dropped our bombs not on the vessels, but on the docks, causing the ships to float free..

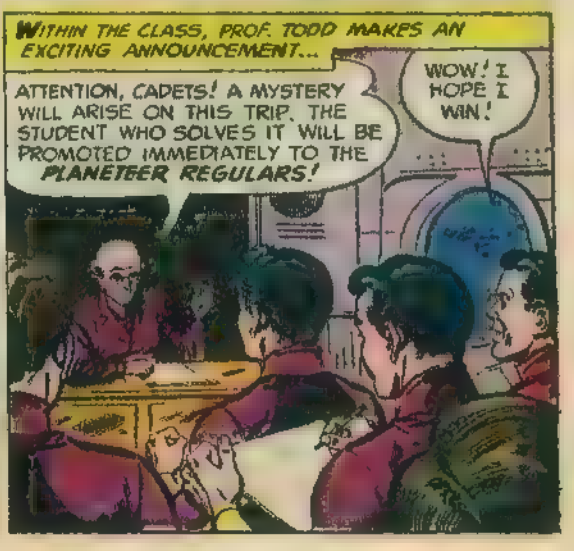
The ships moved in the only direction they could—toward the mouth of the bay. And they arrived at almost the same split second that the wild wave did. There was a deafening roar! The vessels held fast to the sea, and took the brunt of the tidal wave's attack.

And, as we had hoped, the wicked wave was only a shadow of its former self when it succeeding in getting past the barriers and reaching the shoreline.

DID YOU EVER WONDER HOW TOMMY TOMORROW BEGAN HIS CAREER? LET US TURN BACK THE CLOCK A FEW YEARS, WHEN HOPEFUL YOUNG CADETS TAKE THEIR TEST-- AND TRY TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE...

"SEVEN DISAPPEARING WONDERS of SPACE!"





WILL ONE OF THEM SUCCEED? FEW CADETS HAVE BEEN BRILLIANT ENOUGH TO W N THROUGH THE YEARS--AS DID COLONEL TOMMY TOMORROW, THE FIRST TO TRIUMPH!
HONOR ROLL
THE PROFESSOR RECALLS THE FIRST TOUR HE CONDUCTED...
COMET AHOY! ITS TAIL... A MILLION MILES LONG! ORBIT...PAST EARTH, VENUS, AND POINTS BEYOND!
HMM...CADET TOMMY TOMORROW IS NOTING ALL THE PHENOMENA OF SPACE.
BUT W... HE OR ANY OF THE OTHER CADETS, BE KEEN ENOUGH TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE THAT LEADS UP TO THE LAST UNNAMED WONDER?
SEVEN SPACE WONDERS
VENUS STATUE
GEOMETRIC AS-
WATER WONDER
X-RAY CRATER
GLASS WORLD
SAHARA SEA JUNK
THE NAMELESS WONDER
"AT VENUS, I SHOWED THEM THE FIRST GREAT WONDER."
THAT ROCK WAS CARVED INTO A MEMORIAL STATUE 75 YEARS AGO TO HONOR A GREAT SPACE PIONEER!
"THEN THE MYSTERY UNFOLDED.."
GREAT STARS! THE STATUE VANISHED... RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES!
IT- IT'S UNCANNY! HOW DID THAT GIANT STONE STATUE DISAPPEAR LIKE THAT?
THAT IS FOR YOU CADETS TO FIGURE OUT... IF YOU CAN!
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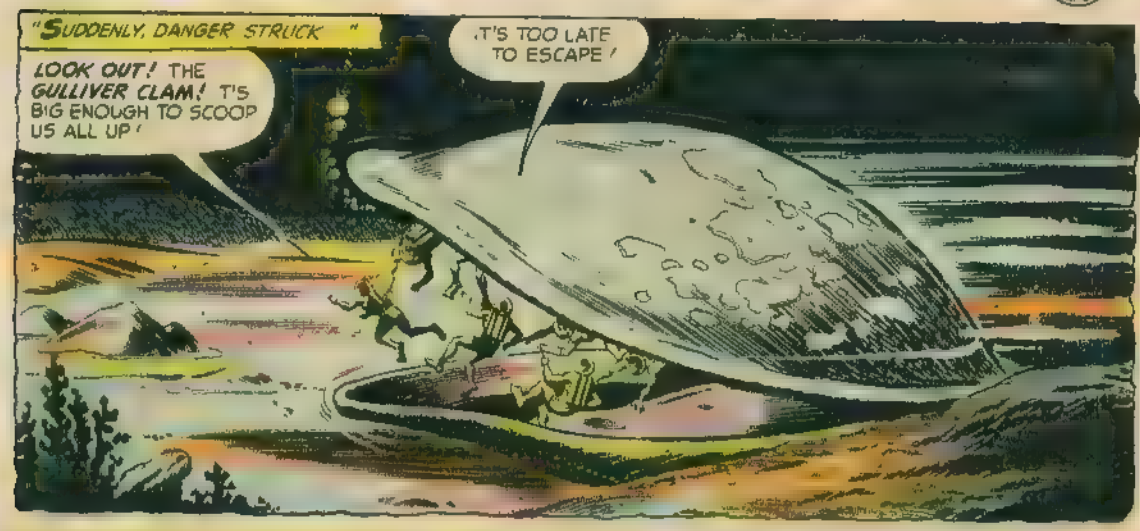
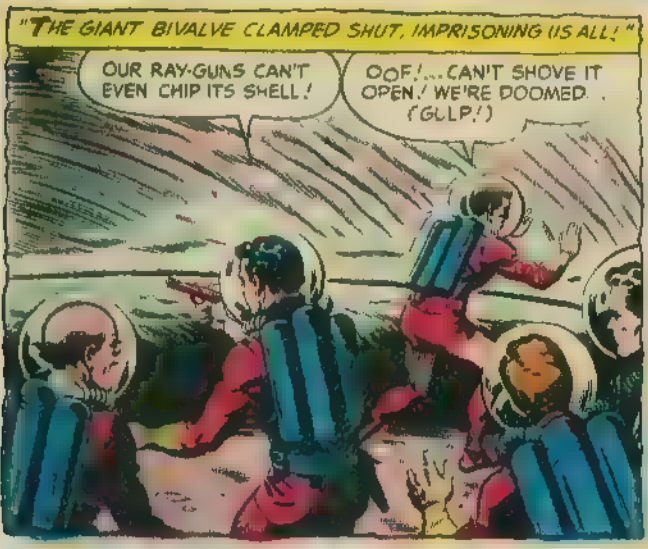
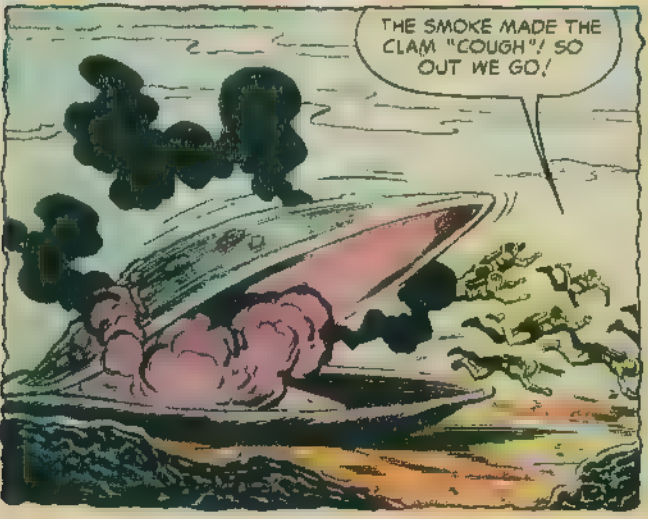
"ALOFT AGAIN, THEY GAPED IN AWE AT . . ."
ASTEROIDS THAT ARE SHAPED LIKE A PYRAMID, CUBE, RING, AND SO ON!
"AGAIN, IN THE NEXT BLINK OF AN EYE..."
JUMPING JUPITER! THEY VANISHED, LIKE THAT STATUE! DID SOME LONG-RANGE DISINTEGRATOR RAY BLAST THEM TO DUST?
NO, IT WASN'T ANY RAY...THERE'S NO SIGN OF ATOMIC DUST!
CADET TOMMY TOMORROW IS SHARP! BUT WILL HE GUESS THE SIMPLE YET AMAZING TRUTH OF THE VANISHING SPACE WONDERS?
ACTUALLY, THEY'LL BE BACK IN PLACE TOMORROW FOR SPACE TOURISTS TO SEE! THE SECRET OF THEIR DISAPPEARANCE IS KNOWN ONLY AT PLANETEER HEADQUARTERS!
"THE THIRD WONDER TOOK US TO THE UNIQUE WATER WORLD..."
ONE HUGE OCEAN COVERS THIS ENTIRE PLANET! CADETS, DON YOUR ROCKET FROGMAN OUTFITS FOR A DIVE!
"THEN, A MILE BELOW THE SURFACE..."
NOTICE THE ANCIENT RUINS, CADETS! IMAGINE A CIVILIZATION ONCE EXISTING UNDERWATER!

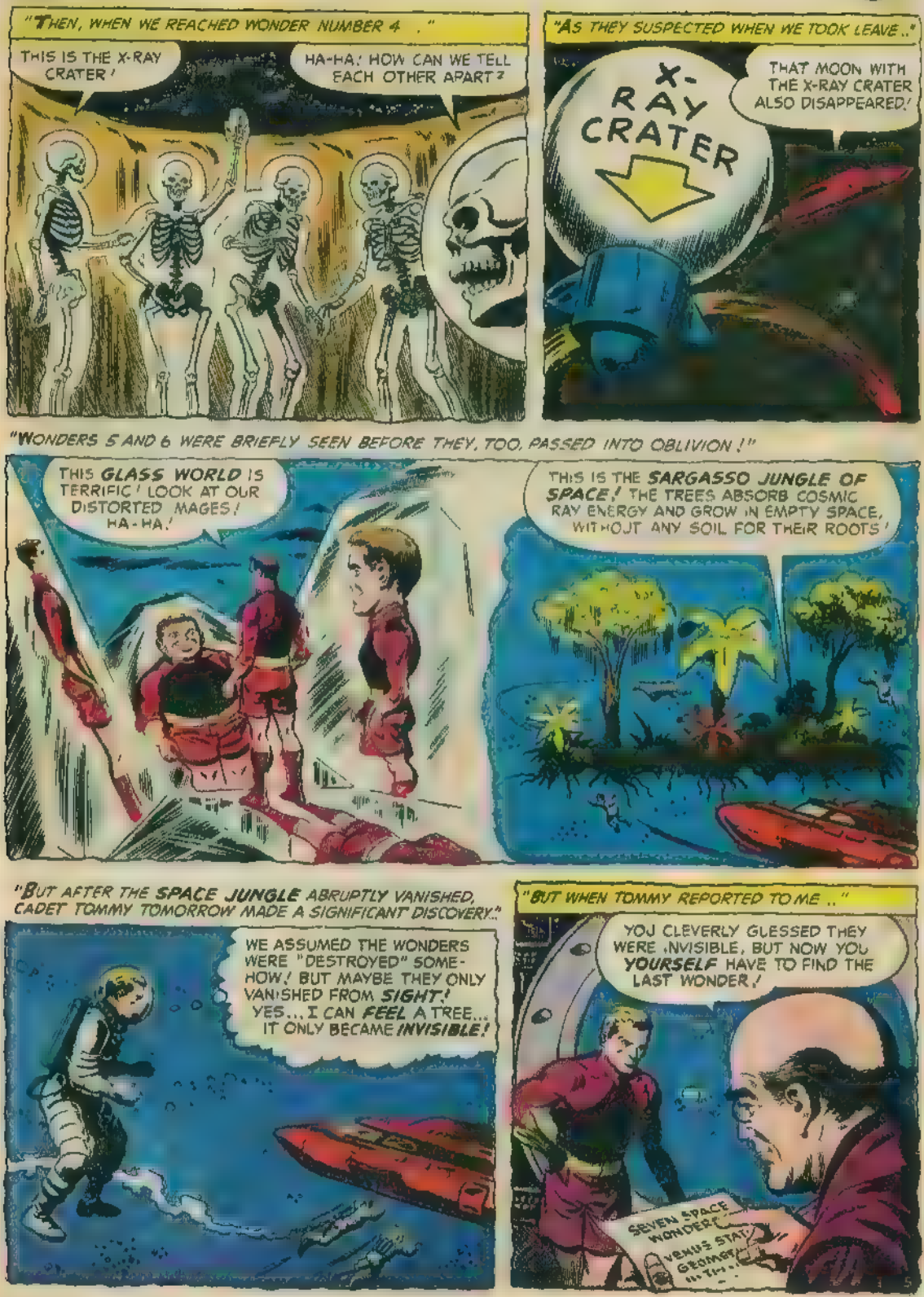

"SUDDENLY, DANGER STRUCK"
LOOK OUT! THE GULLIVER CLAM! IT'S BIG ENOUGH TO SCOOP US ALL UP!
IT'S TOO LATE TO ESCAPE!

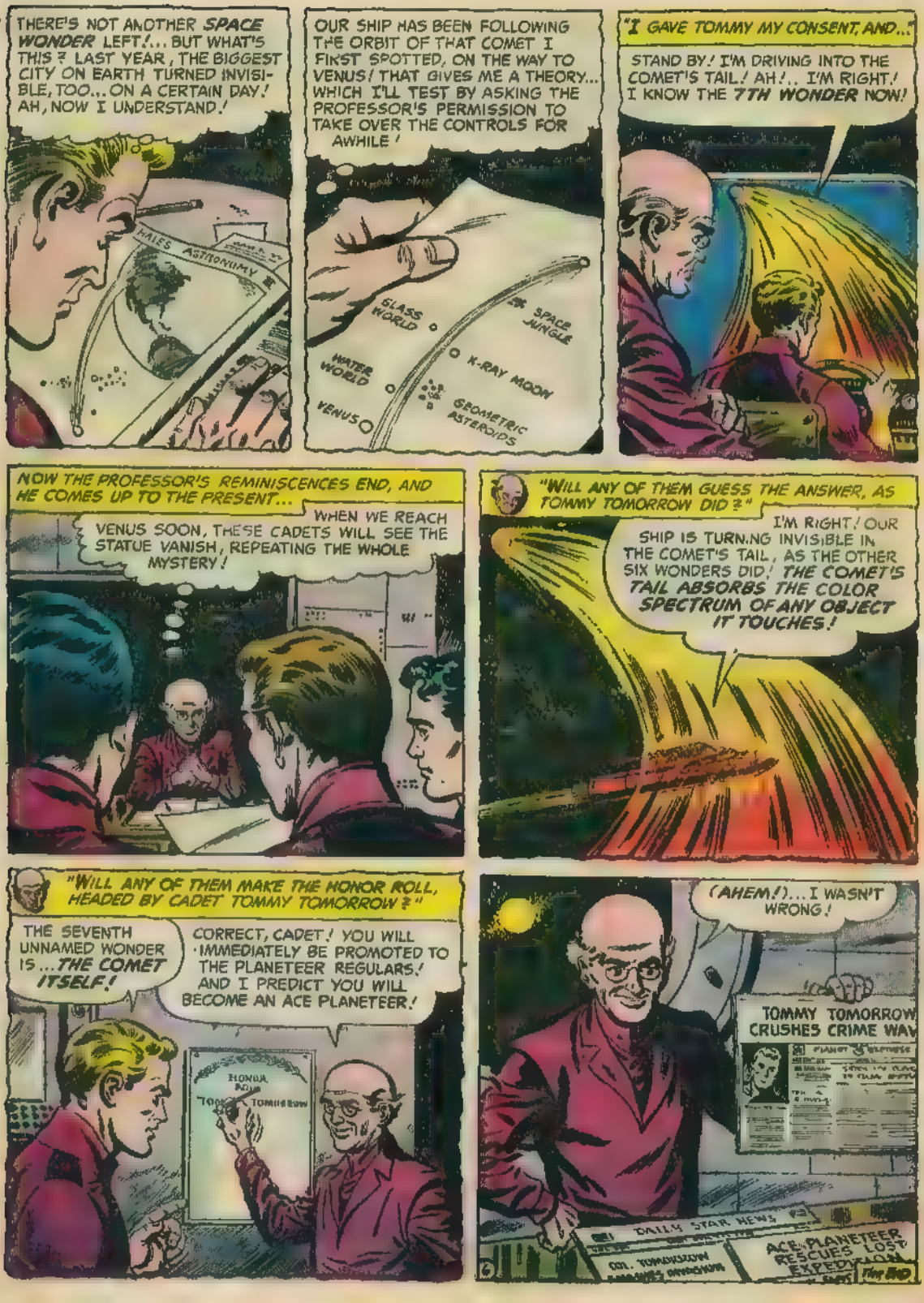

"THE GIANT BIVALVE CLAMPED SHUT, IMPRISONING US ALL!"
OUR RAY-GUNS CAN'T EVEN CHIP ITS SHELL!
OOF!...CAN'T SHOVE IT OPEN! WE'RE DOOMED. (GULP!)

"IT WAS CADET TOMMY TOMORROW WHO CALMLY NOTICED THE ONE THING THAT COULD SAVE US..."
THE GIANT CLAM EXUDES ALL WATER WHEN IT CLOSES! MY RAY-GUN WILL SET THAT DRIFTWOOD ON FIRE, CREATING THICK SMOKE!


THE SMOKE MADE THE CLAM "COUGH"! SO OUT WE GO!

"BUT WAS TOMMY CLEVER ENOUGH TO SOLVE THE OTHER MYSTERY? FOR NO SOONER HAD WE GAINED OUR SHIP AND LEFT..."
LOOK! THE WATER WORLD VANISHED, TOO! WHAT IN THE UNIVERSE IS WIPING OUT THE SPACE WONDERS, ONE BY ONE?


"THEN, WHEN WE REACHED WONDER NUMBER 4 . ."
THIS IS THE X-RAY CRATER!
HA-HA! HOW CAN WE TELL EACH OTHER APART?
"AS THEY SUSPECTED WHEN WE TOOK LEAVE . ."
X-RAY CRATER
THAT MOON WITH THE X-RAY CRATER ALSO DISAPPEARED!
"WONDERS 5 AND 6 WERE BRIEFLY SEEN BEFORE THEY, TOO, PASSED INTO OBLIVION!"
THIS GLASS WORLD IS TERRIFIC! LOOK AT OUR DISTORTED IMAGES! HA-HA!
THIS IS THE SARGASSO JUNGLE OF SPACE! THE TREES ABSORB COSMIC RAY ENERGY AND GROW IN EMPTY SPACE, WITHOUT ANY SOIL FOR THEIR ROOTS!
"BUT AFTER THE SPACE JUNGLE ABRUPTLY VANISHED, CADET TOMMY TOMORROW MADE A SIGNIFICANT DISCOVERY."
WE ASSUMED THE WONDERS WERE "DESTROYED" SOMEHOW! BUT MAYBE THEY ONLY VANISHED FROM SIGHT! YES... I CAN FEEL A TREE... IT ONLY BECAME INVISIBLE!
"BUT WHEN TOMMY REPORTED TO ME . ."
YOU CLEVERLY GUESSED THEY WERE INVISIBLE, BUT NOW YOU YOURSELF HAVE TO FIND THE LAST WONDER!
SEVEN SPACE WONDERS
VENUS STATUE
GLOBULE


THERE'S NOT ANOTHER SPACE WONDER LEFT!... BUT WHAT'S THIS? LAST YEAR, THE BIGGEST CITY ON EARTH TURNED INVISIBLE, TOO... ON A CERTAIN DAY! AH, NOW I UNDERSTAND!
HALES ASTRONOMY
OUR SHIP HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THE ORBIT OF THAT COMET I FIRST SPOTTED, ON THE WAY TO VENUS! THAT GIVES ME A THEORY... WHICH I'LL TEST BY ASKING THE PROFESSOR'S PERMISSION TO TAKE OVER THE CONTROLS FOR AWHILE!
GLASS WORLD
SPACE JUNGLE
WATER WORLD
X-RAY MOON
VENUS
GEOMETRIC ASTEROIDS
"I GAVE TOMMY MY CONSENT, AND..."
STAND BY! I'M DRIVING INTO THE COMET'S TAIL! AH!.. I'M RIGHT! I KNOW THE 7TH WONDER NOW!
NOW THE PROFESSOR'S REMINISCENCES END, AND HE COMES UP TO THE PRESENT...
WHEN WE REACH VENUS SOON, THESE CADETS WILL SEE THE STATUE VANISH, REPEATING THE WHOLE MYSTERY!
"WILL ANY OF THEM GUESS THE ANSWER, AS TOMMY TOMORROW DID?"
I'M RIGHT! OUR SHIP IS TURNING INVISIBLE IN THE COMET'S TAIL, AS THE OTHER SIX WONDERS DID! THE COMET'S TAIL ABSORBS THE COLOR SPECTRUM OF ANY OBJECT IT TOUCHES!
"WILL ANY OF THEM MAKE THE HONOR ROLL, HEADED BY CADET TOMMY TOMORROW?"
THE SEVENTH UNNAMED WONDER IS ...THE COMET ITSELF!
CORRECT, CADET! YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY BE PROMOTED TO THE PLANETEER REGULARS! AND I PREDICT YOU WILL BECOME AN ACE PLANETEER!
HONOR ROLL
(AHEM!)... I WASN'T WRONG!
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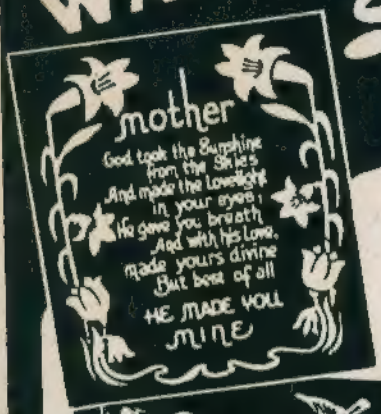

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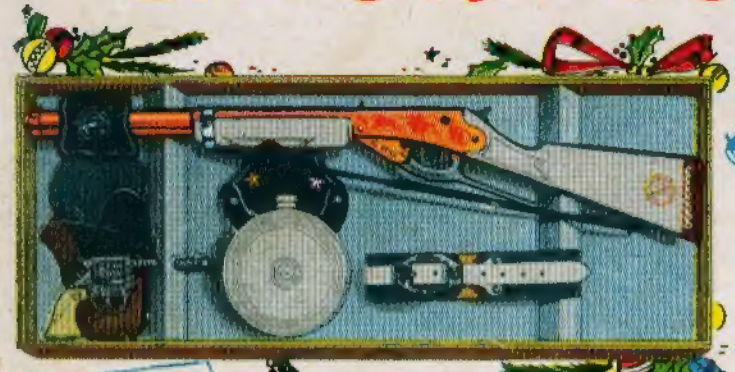

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